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# ***THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ROLE IN AEROSPACE***

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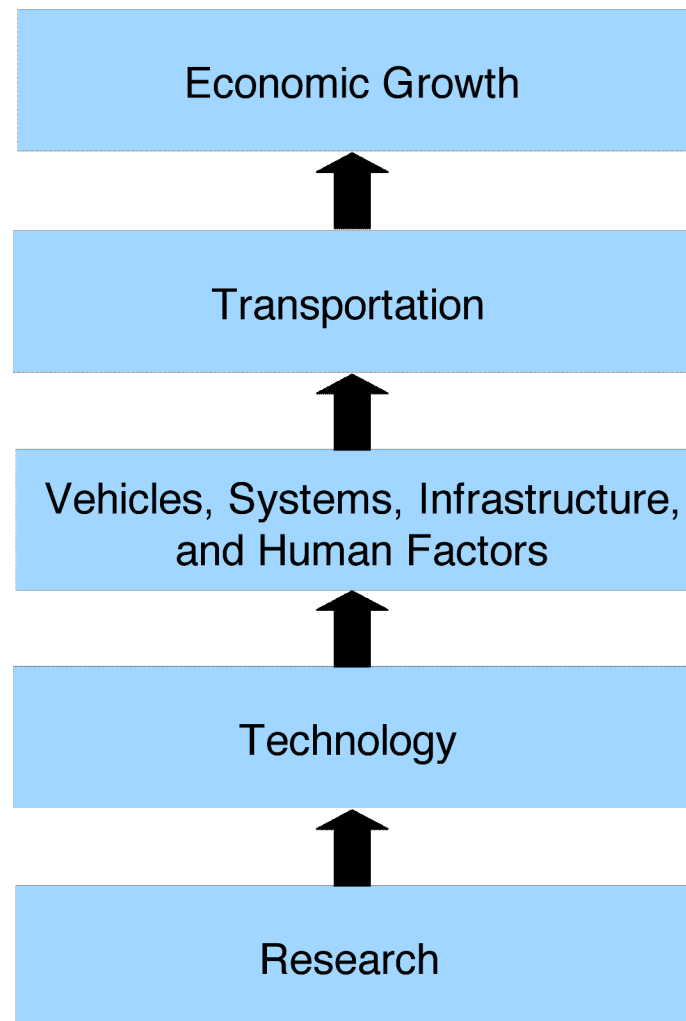


## ***Overview***

- Long history of funding civil and military aerospace R&D
- Industry has undergone decade of consolidation raising questions
  - Does government still have a role in funding R&D?
  - What is unique about aeronautics?
  - Is there sufficient competition among firms?
  - Why doesn't the private sector invest enough in R&D?
  - Are aeronautics/aviation mature technologies?
- Current trends in government R&D expenditures and loss of U.S. market share seem to be related



# ***RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNDERPINS TRANSPORTATION'S IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY***





# ***ECONOMIC IMPACT OF AVIATION INDUSTRY***

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Estimated Economic Impact  
by Air Transportation and Related Sectors  
(\$ billions 1999)

	<b>Total Output</b>	<b>GDP Contribution</b>
Air Transportation	\$205	\$80
Aircraft Manufacturing	\$134	\$94
Tourism	\$94	\$85
Agents/Forwarders	\$3	N/C
Government	\$2	N/C
Total Impact	\$438	\$259

N/C = not calculated

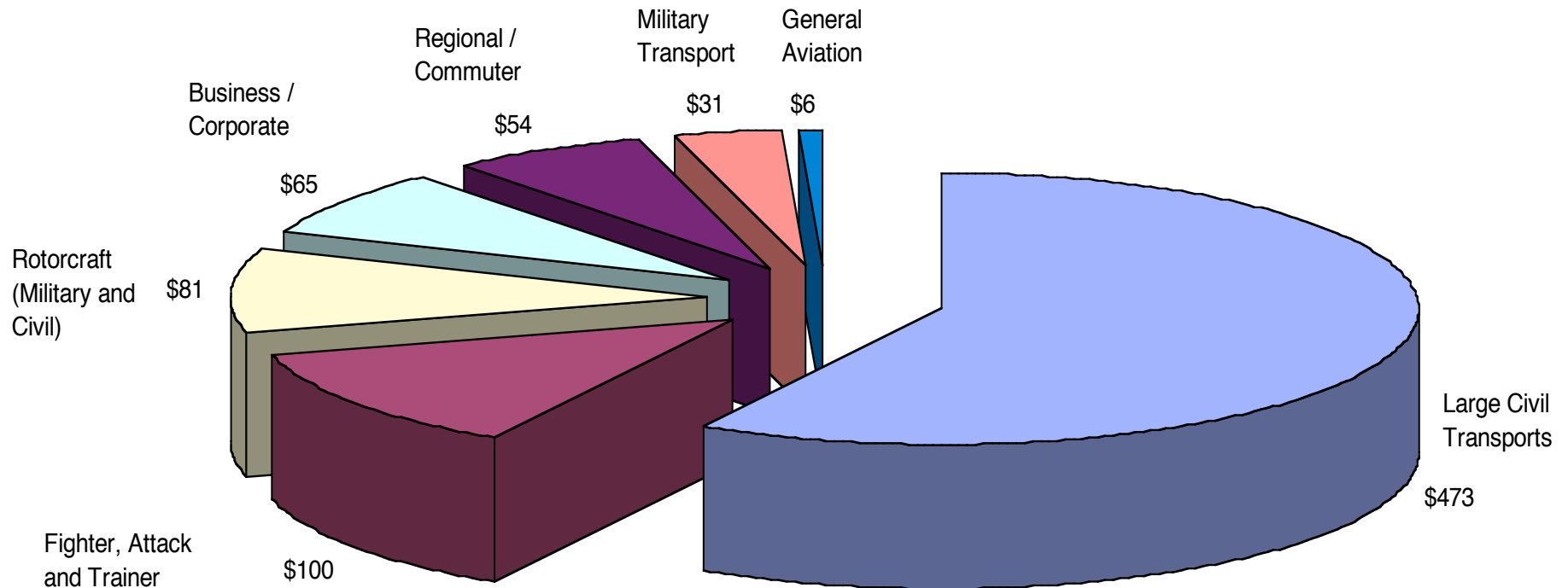
Source: National Research Council, ASEB, "Recent Trends in U.S. Aeronautics Research and Technology," p. 8.



# ***FUTURE MARKETS FOR AERONAUTICS PRODUCTS ARE LARGE***



**Total Projected Aircraft Market 1999 to 2008: \$810 Billior**



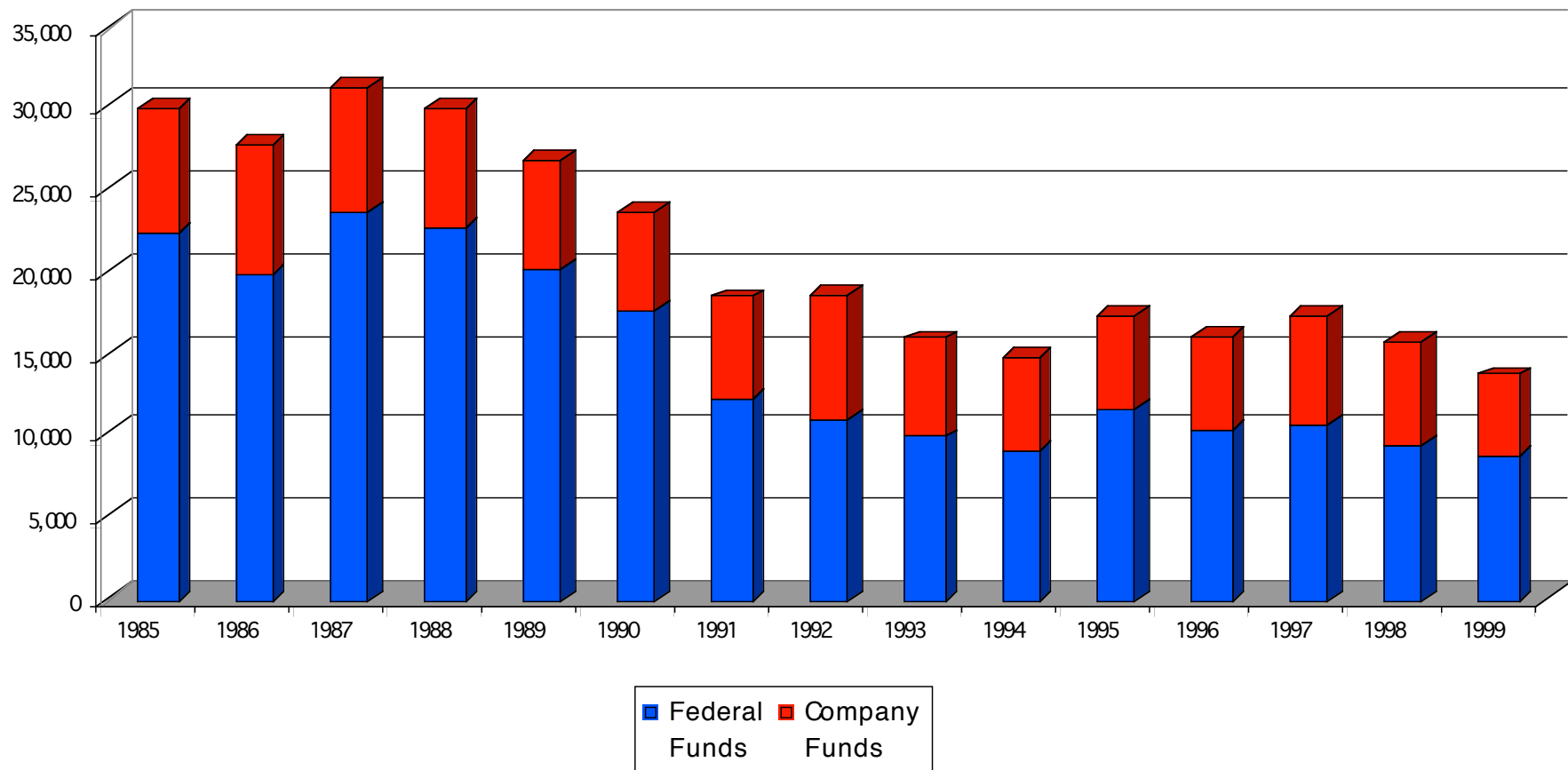
Source: National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Strategic Assessment of U.S. Aeronautics, Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board, "Recent Trends in Aeronautics Research and Technology (1999), p. 13.



# THE U.S. HAS REDUCED AEROSPACE R&D EFFORTS



## *Funds for Industrial Research and Development in the Aerospace Industry\**



\*Companies classified in SIC codes 372 and 376, having as their principal activity the manufacture of aircraft, guided missiles, space vehicles, and parts.

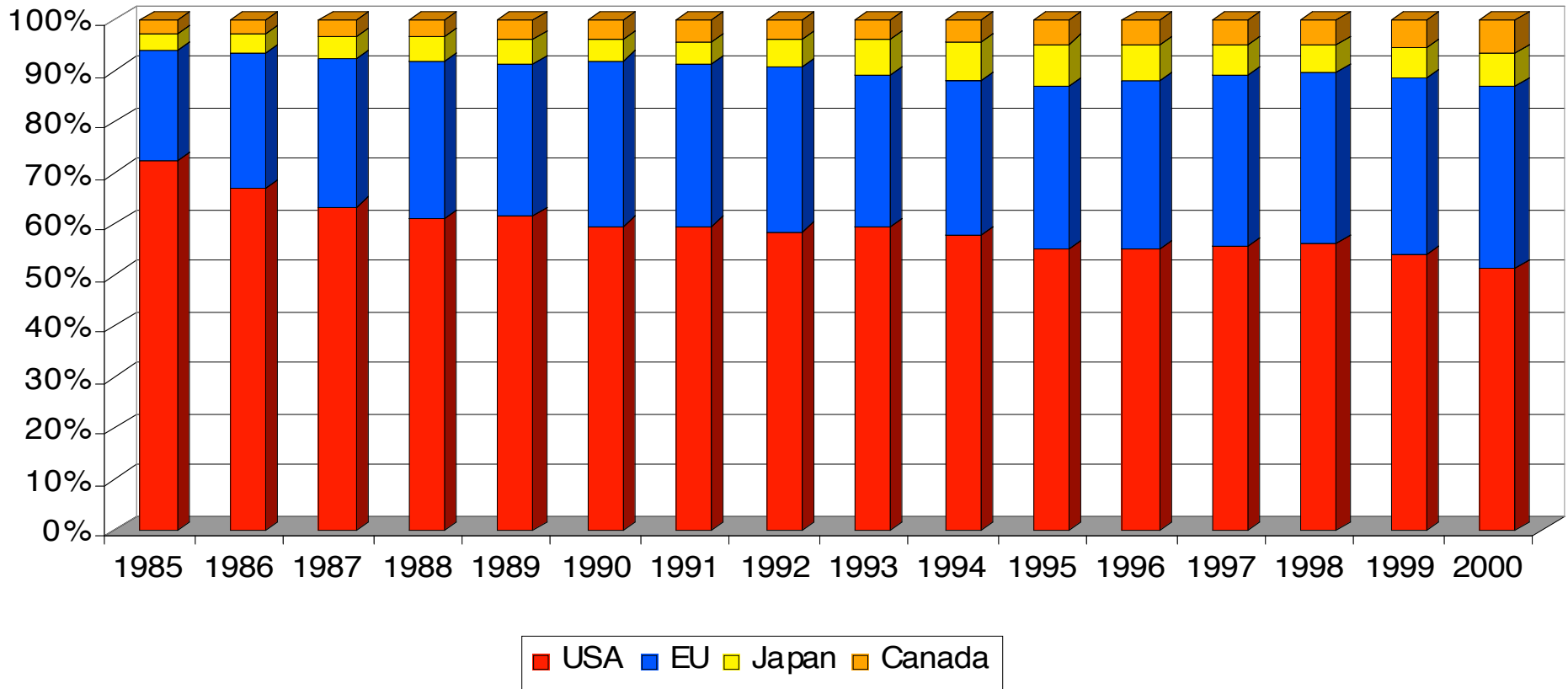
Source: Aerospace Industries Association, *Aerospace Facts and Figures*, 2001-2002.



# U.S. SHARE OF AEROSPACE MARKETS HAS FALLEN



## World Shares



Source: *Commission of the European Communities, Trading Position and Figures* (1997) for 1985 to 1995 data; and AECMA for 1996 to 2000 data.

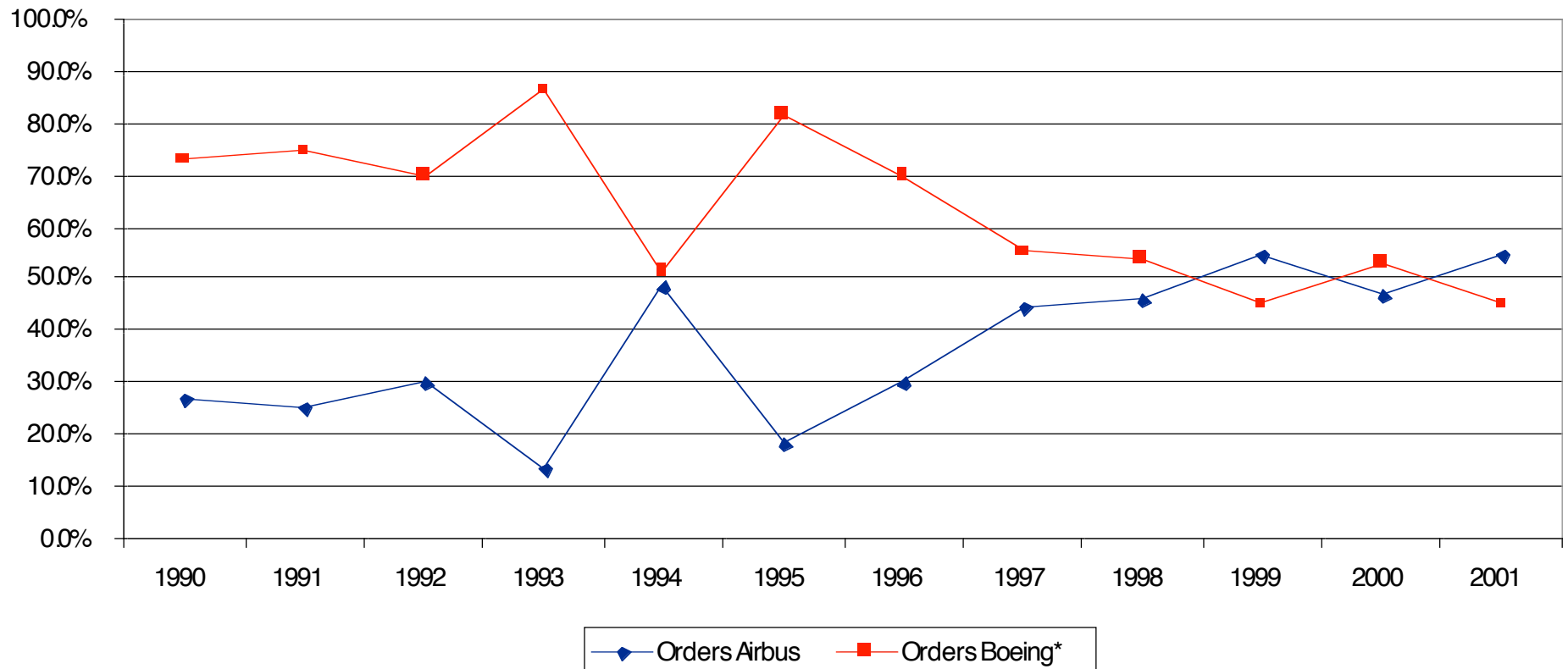




# AIRBUS AND BOEING SHARE THE MARKET FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTS



## Percent Unit Orders: Airbus and Boeing



\*Includes McDonnell Douglas  
Source: Aviation Specialists Group

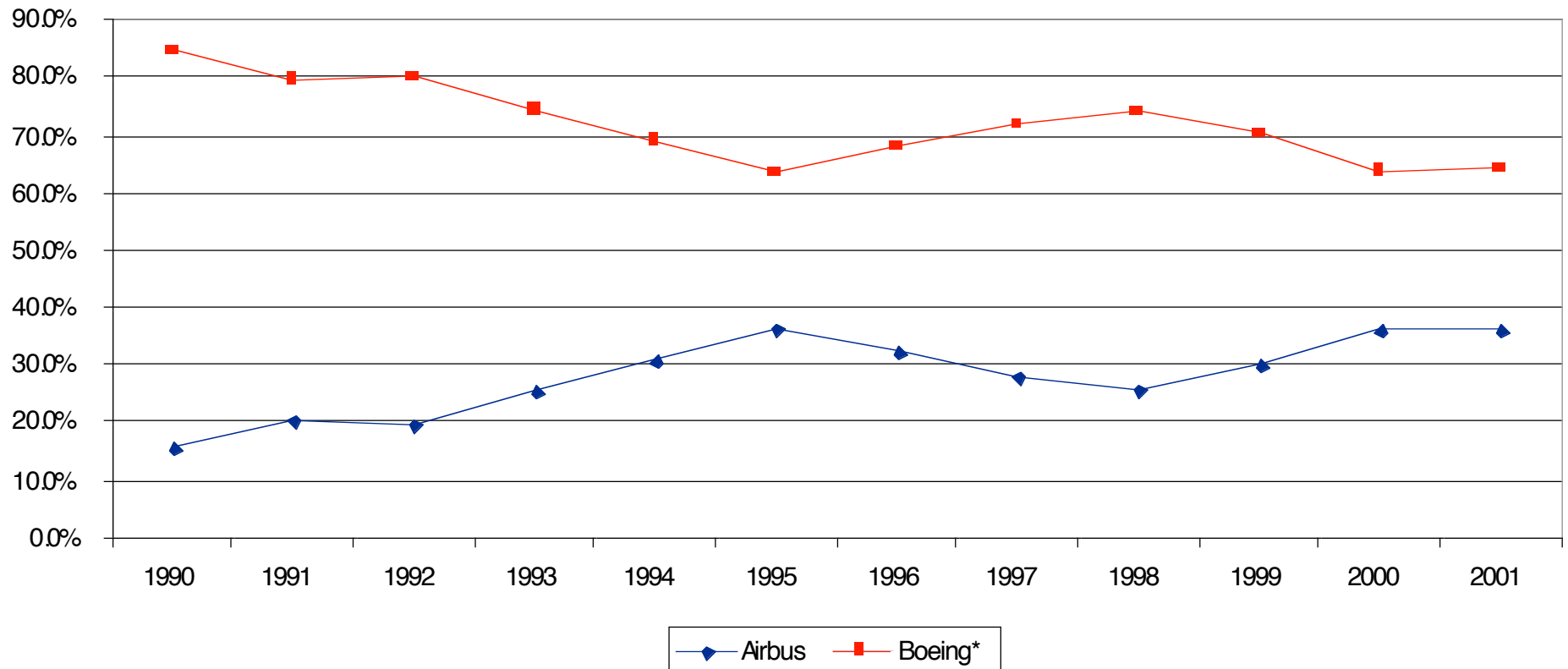




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# ***RATIONALE FOR GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT***

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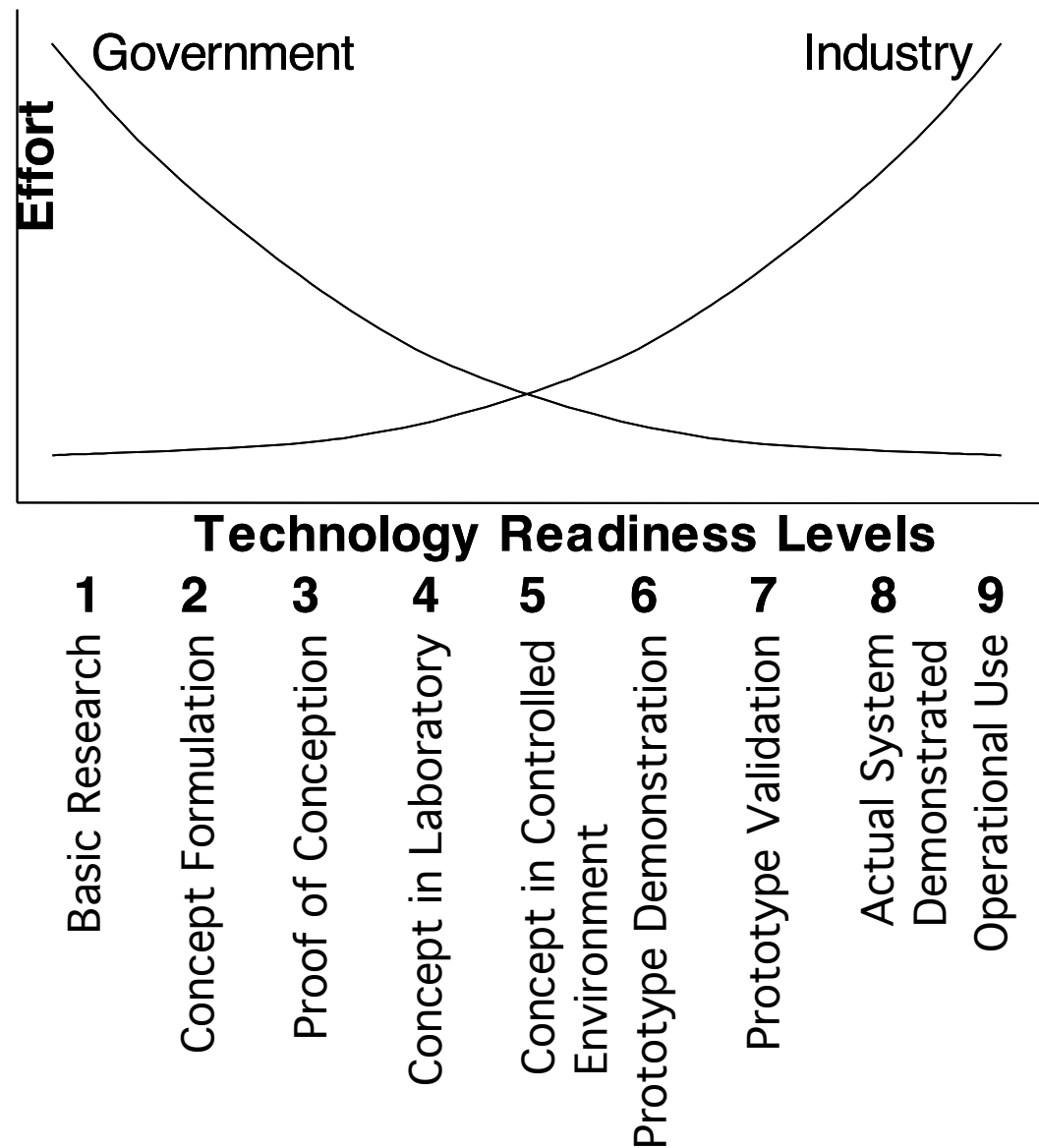


- Public goods: National defense/aviation security
- Externalities (unpriced transactions)
  - Noise
  - Emissions
  - Safety
  - Capacity/delay reduction
- Appropriability: Ability of private sector to capture full returns
- Growth/high technology industries
  - High research intensity
  - Wide technology base
- International trade
  - Barriers to entry
  - Learning curves
  - Increasing returns

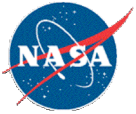




# SPHERES OF INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY



# ***SAMPLE STATISTICS FOR NASA TECHNOLOGIES MATURING FROM TRL 1 TO TRL 9***



<b>Years to TRL 9 from TRL:</b>		<b>Average (years)</b>	<b>Standard Deviation</b>
1	Basic Research	16.3	11.4
2	Concept Formulation	14.5	10.9
3	Proof of Conception	13.1	10.6
4	Concept in Laboratory	11.3	10.6
5	Concept in Controlled Environment	9.7	10.7
6	Prototype Demonstration	7.0	5.6
7	Prototype Validation	5.0	3.9
8	Actual System Demonstrated	2.2	3.1
9	Operational Use	0.0	0.0

Source: "Case Studies: Time Required to Mature Aeronautics Technologies to Operational Readiness," prepared by SAIC and GRA, Incorporated, November 1999.





# ***NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON GOVERNMENT ROLE***

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Increased productivity is key to higher standard of living and economic growth—R&D key to increased productivity

Strategic trade theory

- Declining costs
- Entry barriers

Increasing returns industries

Transportation networks and competitiveness

- Transportation cost reductions
- Enhanced mobility

Increased focus on the system that vehicles operate in

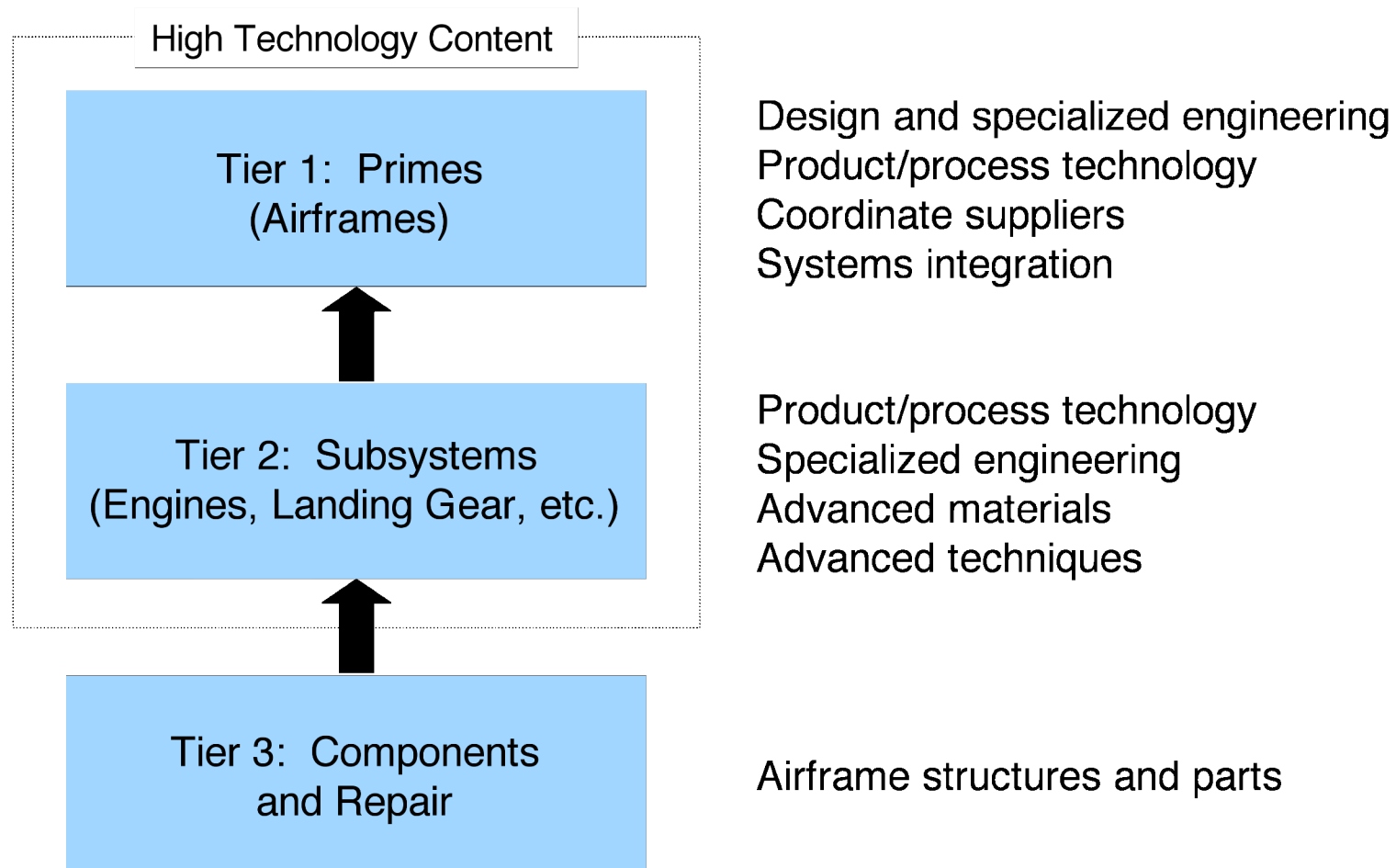
- Airports
- Air traffic management



# THE 3 TIER WORLD AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY STRUCTURE



## A Multi-Tiered Structure

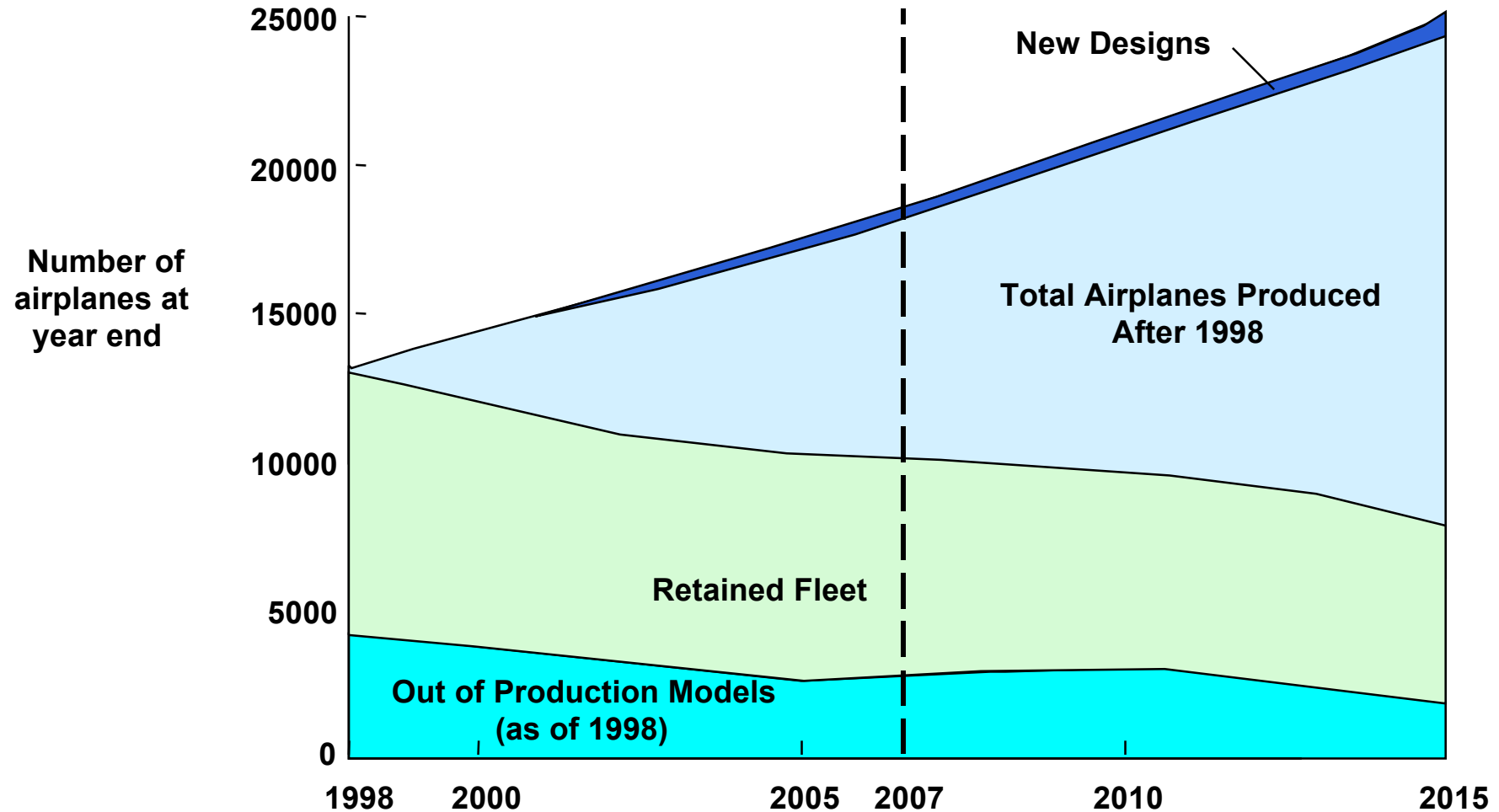


Source: Adapted from Industry Canada, *The World Aircraft Industry, Part A Industry Structure*, 1995, <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/ad0115e.html>





# ***POTENTIAL FOR TECHNOLOGY TO AFFECT TOTALLY NEW AIRPLANE DESIGNS IS SMALL***



Source: Boeing

GRA, Incorporated



## ***SUPPORT OF FUTURE NAS***

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- Investments in technology that affect the system, or that can be retrofit may have larger near-term payoffs
- Collaborative roles
  - NASA R&T
  - FAA application
- Invest for risk reduction/validation
  - Make R&T implementable
  - No specific FAA R&D funding for incorporating NASA research results
- Need better handle on air transportation demand
  - Impacts of September 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Changes in security processes
  - Travel time and cost impacts
  - New airline business models
- The potential benefits of improved technology and processes for aviation security are large







# RESEARCH LEVEL OF EFFORT

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- Both public and private investment in aerospace R&D have fallen in real terms
  - Military and civil
- U.S. losing share to foreign competitors
  - Large transports
  - Regional jets
  - Rotary wing aircraft
  - Engines
  - Systems
  - ATC technology
- Need to fill gap prior to commercialization
  - Validation/risk reduction important for complex high consequence systems
  - Private sector may not have incentives to utilize research outcomes if too risky
  - Also applies to FAA adoption of NASA technology





# ***U.S. VERSUS FOREIGN INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION***

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- ➔ Competition is global
- ➔ All countries support research
  - ➔ Military
  - ➔ Civil
  - ➔ Research laboratories/test facilities
- ➔ Foreign products are both quality and cost competitive
- ➔ Europeans also use repayable development grants
  - ➔ Per U.S./EU agreement
  - ➔ Rationale was state-owned companies/capital market failures
  - ➔ Reduces risks of technology application
  - ➔ Does infant industry rationale still hold?
- ➔ Increasing U.S. R&D as an effective counter strategy
  - ➔ Invest in technology validation/risk reduction
  - ➔ Avoid “picking winners”



# SUMMARY



Strong rationale for government support of civil and military aeronautics R&T exists

Shift has been from traditional vehicle/performance technology to classic public goods

- Airport/ATC congestion/delay
- Engine emissions/noise
- National defense
- Safety

Europeans establishing strong aeronautics program that includes vehicle and performance technology components as well as ATC technology

- Frameworks program
- Vision 2020

